IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph beginning on line 22 of page 2 as follows:

The assembly 101 is formed with a box beam construction. That is, a number of plates and support members are arranged and connected together to form an integral box-like structure that can transmit forces applied during raising of the trailer to the trailer support rails 103, 103′ and cross members as described below. The assembly 101 includes a top plate 104, which further comprises two ramp sections 105, and a center section 107. Also provided are side walls 109 and a bottom plate 111. A pickup shaft 113 is positioned in an opening 114, the shaft 113 held in place by four vertical plates 115 that extend between the interface 102 and the bottom plate 111. The center plate 107 also has a raised contact surface 117 to receive the tow member [[122]] 127 of the hitch assembly 93, but the entire plate could act as a contact surface if so desired. A number of other longitudinal members make up the box beam, including insert plates 116 that extend beyond the interface 102, and angled insert plates 118. Each of the insert plates provides further strengthening against the load traveling across the ramp plates 105. U-shaped plates 120 extend beyond the interface 102 and a portion thereof buts against a web [[122]] of each rail 103, 103′, the plates 120 facilitating attachment between the assembly 101 and the rails 103, 103′. In general, the various plates and members are either welded or bolted together to form the overall assembly 101.

On page 36, please revise the paragraph beginning at line 18 as follows:

The blocks 703 are positioned so that in the operating position, they would rest on a toe plate contact area [[713]] 714, which can be reinforced with a lateral plate 715 extending between the rails 707 and 709 to accommodate the load imposed when the toe contacts the blocks for lifting purposes.